[Mr. K. George.]

(*b*) Number of demand notices sent

in	1107	22,433
	1108	28,397
	1109	31,284

		No. of cases	Extent sold	
			Acres.	Cents.
(*c*) Land sold for arrears of land revenue in	1107	37	9	13
	1108	49	12	37
	1109	149	59	85

Gowd Saraswat Brahmins in the Account Office.

253. *MR. M. K. JANARDANA KAMATH (*Commerce and Industry, North*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of clerks and typists in the Account Office belonging to the Gowd Saraswat Brahmin Community ;

(*b*) the number of applications received from candidates belonging to that community from 1108 to 1110 ;

(*c*) whether any candidate belonging to that community has been appointed during the period mentioned above; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, how many have been appointed ?

MR. C. S. KRISHNASWAMY AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Nil.

(*b*) 4

(*c*) No.

(*d*) The question does not arise.

MR. M. K. JANARDANA KAMATH (*Commerce and Industry, North*) : May I know whether a typist was not newly entertained in the Account Office ?

MR. C. S. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. M. K. JANARDANA KAMATH (*Commerce and Industry, North*) : May I know to what caste he belongs ?

MR. C. S. KRISHNASWAMI AIYAR (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) : Brahmin.

Protection of the cocoanut industry.

254. *MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) ; Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) what steps they have taken up till now (8-11-1110) to protect our cocoanut cultivations from Ceylon competition ; and

(*b*) whether they have thought of the advisability of creating a Central Cocoanut Committee to advise the Government from time to time as to how to protect and promote the interest of the cocoanut cultivators of the State ?

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MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : (*a*) A recommendation has been made to the Government of India to impose prohibitive duties on cocoanuts, copra, cocoanut oil, coir yarn and coir fibre imported into British India.

(*b*) The Imperial Council of Agricultural Research has been moved for the constitution of an Indian Cocoanut Committee on the lines of the Indian Central Cotton Committee to further the interests of the cocoanut industry in India including Travancore.

Export duty on cocoanut products.

255 ***MR. K P. KRISHNA MENON** (*Parur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) what are the old and revised *ad valorem* values of 1,000 cocoanuts fixed by the Government for the purpose of levying duty :

(*b*) what were the respective market values of 1,000 cocoanuts at the time when the old and revised scales of value were fixed :

(*c*) whether any orders have been passed by the Government on the resolution passed by this House in the Edavam Session of 1109 for abolishing the export duty on cocoanut products ; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, whether a copy of the same could be placed on the table of the House ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : (*a*) No *ad valorem* value is fixed for the purpose of levying export duty on cocoanuts. The tariff value fixed for the purpose was Bh. Rs. 48 per 1,000 cocoanuts before 1-1-1100 and Bh. Rs. 30 per 1,000 cocoanuts since that date.

(*b*) At the time of fixing the old tariff rate, the market value of cocoanuts ranged between Bh. Rs. 18 and Bh. Rs, 20 per thousand. The market value ranged betwen Bh. Rs, 12 and Bh. Rs. 16 per one thousand cocoanuts at the time the current tariff rate was fixed.

(*c*) The tariff values of copra, cocoanuts, cocoanut oil and *punnac* have been reduced for the purpose of levy of export duty thereon.

(*d*) Government do not consider this necessary.

MR. K P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*) ; May I know from the Government the reasons for fixing the tariff value at Bh. Rs. 30 for 1,000 cocoanuts when the market value is less ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : The tariff value of cocoanut and copra is always fixed higher than the market value, for affording protection to the oil-mill industry in the State.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) : In answer to part (*d*) "Government do not consider this necessary", may I know why the Government did not consider this necessary ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : Government did not consider it necessary. The reason is not a matter for discussion.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*) : May I know the reasons which actuated Government to consider this as unnecessary. May I know from the Government whether the tariff value is artificial or has any relation to the market price ?

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